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## **OREGON HEALTH PLAN (OHP) ELECTRONIC MEMORANDUM**



**Date:** October 8, 2009  
**To:** FCHPs, DCOs, MHOs, PCO  
**From:** Jon Pelkey, Quality Improvement and Medical Section Manager  
**Re:** Information about mandatory state office closures

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As you know, tough economic times have severely reduced state revenues, forcing legislatures throughout the nation to make deep cuts in state budgets.

- To address its own budget cuts, Oregon will close most agencies on ten Fridays that fall throughout the current biennium.
- The closures will require DMAP employees to take mandatory unpaid furloughs on those days, saving Oregon's taxpayers about \$2 million a day.

DMAP's first closure day is Friday, Oct. 16. DHS will close all its offices, including DMAP, on that day. Oregon State Hospital, Eastern Oregon Psychiatric Center, Eastern Oregon Training Center, and group homes will remain open to provide critical services.

We regret any inconvenience this closure may cause, and we look forward to reopening on Monday morning, Oct. 19.

Please be assured we will do everything possible to minimize disruption and hardship to those who rely on our services. We appreciate your understanding, and we eagerly await the return of normal economic times with a full resumption of our regular work schedule.

In the meantime, to help OHP providers and clients prepare for these closures, DMAP has posted a new Office Closures Web page at [www.oregon.gov/DHS/healthplan/closures.shtml](http://www.oregon.gov/DHS/healthplan/closures.shtml) that provides self-help links and information about how the office closures will affect service.

Thank you for your continuing support of the Oregon Health Plan.

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